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PROPOSES JOINT ADMINISTRATION OF GDANSK, GDYNIA, Sopot;
NOTES PORT IMPROVEMENTS

3 CITIES USE SAME SHIPYARDS -- Rzeczpospolita, 22 May 50

It is suggested that the problem of administrative unification for Gdansk, Sopot, and Gdynia be considered at this time while the implementation of the decree of 20 March 1950 granting People's Councils supreme authority in the area is in the initial stages.

Although in the period between wars Gdansk and Gdynia were two separate ports and two separate cities which vied with each other politically and economically, the process of integration went on despite their differences. Gdynia expanded in a southeastern direction and Gdansk developed Oliwa, Sopot, and Wrzeszcz, its largest suburb.

Many problems were solved in the postwar period. One port complex was formed under the single Gdansk-Gdynia Port Administration. The Gdansk Maritime Office had authority over the entire port area. The three cities used the same shipyards, land and water transportation, local industries, and recreational facilities.

It was found that the relatively long distance between Gdansk and Gdynia, 23 kilometers, was only partly responsible for the poor cooperation within the tricity limits. It actually had little influence on their integration, which increased with the improvement in local and interurban railroad, bus, and street-car transportation. The two-lane highway and electric railroad line soon to be completed will solve the final problem of administrative unification.

One unified administration for the three cities will reduce costs and improve business and industrial operations.

ORDERS PORT ALARM EQUIPMENT FROM SWEDEN -- Dagens Nyheter, 6 Jul 50

Poland has placed orders with the Swedish telecommunications firm Telefon-aktiebolaget L. M. Ericsson for alarm equipment for the ports of Gdynia, Gdansk, and Szczecin. The equipment will be manufactured at the Telesignalfabriken plant in Gröndal, and will include 500-600 fire-alarm boxes.

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IMPROVE LIGHTING IN PORTS -- Rzeczpospolita, 21 May 50

The lighting in many ports and fishing stations has been improved this spring, especially in Kolobrzeg, Ustka, Jaroslawiec, Ustronie, Rowy, Niechorze, Mrzezyno, Dabki, and Pobierowo.

Unloading of fish at night had been very difficult because of poor lighting facilities.

CONSTRUCT NEW EQUIPMENT -- Rzeczpospolita, 18 May 50

Jerzy Wronski, master mechanic of the Szczecin Branch of the Public Building Enterprise, constructed an apparatus which will detect underground cable or reveal damage to the cable without excavations.

Jozef Kaminski, a shipyard worker, constructed a mechanical coal stoker for ships' boilers. The stoker will be adapted for use on all Polish Merchant Marine ships which use coal.

POLISH NAVAL TRAINING, MERCHANT MARINE TO INCREASE -- Zycie Warszawy, 23 Jun 50

The Ministry of Navigation has appropriated nearly one billion zlotys for naval training in 1950, or twice as much as was appropriated in 1949.

The tonnage of the Polish maritime fleet will increase threefold under the Six-Year Plan. This large increase in tonnage will be accompanied by extensive modernization, such as a fourfold increase in the number of motorboats, considerable increase in the speed of cargo ships, special equipment, assuring safe transportation of perishable goods (installation of refrigerators, ventilation, etc.), and also modern safety navigation devices, such as radar.

TO INCREASE PORT PRODUCTIVITY -- Trybuna Ludu, 13 Jun 50

The use of the Soviet method of hoisting freight by cranes boosted productivity from 23 to 50 percent in the Gdansk-Gdynia ports.

REBUILD PORTS -- Rzeczpospolita, 17 May 50

In addition to building new warehouses and cranes in Gdynia and Gdansk, rebuilding of warehouses and wharves damaged during the war is continuing.

In Gdynia, work is almost completed on two large new general cargo warehouses and on the port guardhouse. In Gdansk, the warehouses on the Wisla Wharf are near completion.

Rebuilding of breakwaters is also progressing.

SZCZECIN WHARF NEARS COMPLETION -- Rzeczpospolita, 13 Jun 50

The Czechoslovak wharf in the port of Szczecin is expected to be finished in October 1950, 60 days ahead of schedule.

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TO BUILD BREAKWATER -- Zycie Warszawy, 6 May 50

The Seaboard Hydrotechnicians' Cooperative is erecting protective piling in preparation for building the breakwater in the Darlowo port.

Dredging to remove the silt from the bottom of the bay will also start soon.

PORT CREWS SAVE 66 HOURS -- Glos Wielkopolski, 16 May 50

Szczecin crews loaded the Soviet ship Volohajjevsk with 2,300 tons of cement in 20 hours, saving 66 hours. International agreements allow 86 hours for loading the same amount of cement.

The Danish ship Hafnia, which called at Szczecin in March 1950, was loaded with coal in one night. This ship had often called at this port before the war but never received such efficient handling. Before the war, Szczecin used car-tipping equipment; today it uses cranes in loading operations.

ATTAIN NEW LOADING RECORD -- Dziennik Polski 12 May 50

The workers of the Wisloujskie Basin of the Gdansk Port attained a new loading record. With the cooperation of all port institutions, the Soviet ship Aretuza was loaded in one hour. The previous record was held by the Gdynia Port workers, who loaded the same vessel in one hour and 45 minutes.

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